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### FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL RELEASES RESULTS FROM HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

*~ Patrol arrests 90 motorists for impaired driving ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the preliminary results from the Patrol's Independence Day holiday enforcement effort. During the four-day heightened enforcement period, FHP increased the number of troopers patrolling Florida's roadways. Auxiliary troopers augmented FHP's force.

Troopers issued nearly 8,600 traffic citations and made 90 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited more than 3,200 drivers for speeding and nearly 1,100 for failure to buckle up. Troopers also investigated more than 900 crashes during the holiday period, including 12 crashes that resulted in 13 fatalities. Additionally, troopers assigned to commercial vehicle enforcement conducted 232 safety inspections on trucks.

"Our troopers worked hard to help our residents and visitors have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend," said Brierton. "Motorists who operate their vehicles in an unsafe fashion are a danger that puts innocent lives at risk. The men and women of the Florida Highway Patrol did their part to identify the unsafe drivers and take the steps necessary to decrease that risk."

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol would like to remind everyone that it is the law to move over when approaching any authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker displaying rotating or flashing lights stopped on the side of a roadway. Also, remember that \*FHP (\*347) dialed from your cell phone contacts FHP should you need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside assistance.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow us on Twitter @[FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV) or find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV).

#### **Preliminary Enforcement Results:**

**July 1 – July 4, 2011**

Total Citations = 8,541

DUI Arrests = 90

Speeding Citations = 3,257

Safety Belt Citations = 1,060

Motorist Assists = 2,221

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